

TADCASTER
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1946.

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TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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To:—

**The Chairman and Members of the
TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

The Minister of Health has intimated that a short Report only should be prepared for the year 1946.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The usual Table (II) is appended showing the number of Notifications of acute Infectious Disease and the number of cases of Tuberculosis.

Average for 5 years (1934—1938)	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Erysipelas	Cerebro-Spinal Fever
1939	13	43	1	—
1940	17	71	3	5
1941	4	47	8	4
1942	8	65	4	—
1943	3	40	1	—
1944	8	68	3	—
1945	7	70	2	1
1946	1	32	3	—

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notifications in		Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1938	....	15	12
1939	....	10	4
1940	....	12	8
1941	....	10	6
1942	....	13	6
1943	....	17	4
1944	....	10	11
1945	....	15	13
1946	....	22	10

MINOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

7 cases of Measles were notified.

29 cases of Whooping Cough were notified, and there was one death.

CASE RATE PER 1,000 LIVING OF ACUTE INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

		England and Wales	Tadcaster Rural District
Typhoid Fever	....	.01	.00
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	....	.05	.00
Scarlet Fever	....	1.38	1.3
Whooping Cough	....	2.28	1.2
Diphtheria	....	.28	.041
Erysipelas	....	.22	.12
Small-pox	....	.00	.00
Measles	....	3.92	.29
Pneumonia	....	.89	.70
Puerperal Pyrexia	....	8.50	4.3
(Per 1,000 Total Births).			

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Immunisation in relation to Child Population.

Age at 31/12/46 i.e., Born in year	Under 1 1946	1 1945	2 1944	3 1943	4 1942	5 to 9 1937-41	10 to 14 1932-36	Total under 15
Number Immunised	10	266	734	554	290	1577	1092	4523
Estimated mid-year population 1946				1970			3360	

DISINFESTATION.

The County Council has established arrangements at their Welfare Institution at Tadcaster for the treatment of Scabies. The General Practitioners, Nurses and Midwives have been notified of the facilities provided. The number of cases has been relatively small.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply of the Rural District is derived as follows:—

85.5% of the houses are supplied from three sources—

- (a) The City of Leeds
- (b) York Waterworks Company
- (c) A Deep Bore in the Sandstone at Bilbrough owned by the District Council.

These supplies are constant, and the water is chlorinated. Bacteriological examinations are made at frequent intervals, and in one source for plumbosolvency.

The quality of the water from these three sources is satisfactory.

2.4% of the houses are supplied from privately owned sources. The water from these supplies is examined bacteriologically at frequent intervals. The quality of the water from two of these sources has intermittently proved unsatisfactory.

12.9% of the houses are supplied from Wells, shallow and deep. The quality of the water from these wells varies in wide degrees.

The water derived from the City of Leeds has been examined for plumbosolvency with negative results.

Acaster Malbis.—A Scheme for the provision of a piped supply of water for this village (Population 271) has been approved and the work is in progress.

Catterton (Population 53), Healaugh (Population 231)—A Scheme for the provision of piped water for these two villages is being prepared.

SEWERAGE.

The District Council has obtained the services of a Consulting Engineer who has undertaken a survey of the Water Supply and Sewerage arrangements in each of the parishes of the Rural District.

Appleton Roebuck	....	A Sewerage Scheme has been prepared and submitted to the Ministry.
Bolton Percy	....
Ulleskelf	....
Bishopthorpe	....
Copmanthorpe	....	"
Acaster Malbis	....	"

HOUSING.

A survey of the general housing conditions in the Rural District is being undertaken in conformity with the suggestions contained in the Report of the Rural Housing Sub-Committee of the Central Housing Advisory Committee.

The total number of houses classified to date is 2120, out of a total of approximately 5000.

Owing to shortness of staff it has not been possible to increase the number of inspections.

The Housing Schemes which are in various stages of construction at the moment, are as follows:—

Aberford—20 houses—Negotiations still proceeding for acquisition of site.

Austhorpe—8 houses—Tenders submitted to Ministry.

Barkston Ash—18 houses—Tenders submitted to Ministry.

Barwick-in-Elmet—32 houses—Alternative site has now to be selected, as the parish disapprove the site originally decided upon.

Biggin (Swedish)—2 houses—In course of erection.

Bishopthorpe—20 houses—Negotiations are proceeding for acquisition of site. Tenders will be invited shortly for the houses.

Bolton Percy (Swedish)—2 houses—In course of erection.

East Tadcaster—75 houses—These should be completed towards the end of this year.

Church Fenton—20 houses—Site still to be selected.

Micklefield—40 houses—Tenders will be invited within the next week or two.

Saxton (Swedish)—4 houses—In course of erection.

16 houses—Tenders submitted to Ministry.

Sherburn-in-Elmet—58 houses—

8 houses Highfield—In course of erection.

50 houses Moor Lane Site—Tenders invited.

Swillington—50 houses—In course of erection.

Ulleskelf—24 houses—Tenders submitted to Ministry.

50 temporary bungalows of non-traditional character have been erected, and are all occupied; namely, 20 at Tadcaster, 10 at Sherburn, 10 at Scholes, and 10 at Great and Little Preston.

**PATIENTS ADMITTED INTO THE ISOLATION
HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR.**

FROM	Scarlet Fever	Tonsil- itis	Carriers	Pneu- monia	Diph- theria	Cerebro Spinal Fever	Total
TADCASTER R.D.	27	2	3	1			33
GARFORTH U.D.	20	4					24
SELBY U.D.	1		5		4	1	11
	47	7	8	1	4	1	68

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population—24060 (Mid-year 1946).

		Tadcaster Rural District		England and Wales
Death Rate .... ....	....	12.7 per 1,000	....	11.5
Birth Rate .... ....	....	18.9	„	19.1
Zymotic Death Rate ....	....	.12	„	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ....	....	.54	„	
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	....	.04	„	
Respiratory Death Rate ....	....	1.00	„	
Cancer Death Rate ....	....	1.75	„	
Infantile Mortality Rate ....	....	35	„	43
(i.e., Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Births)				
Still Birth Rate .... ....	....	.28	„	.53
Diarrhoea .... .... ....	....	4.40	„	4.4
(Deaths in infants under 2 years of age per 1,000 live births)				
Maternal Mortality.				
Sepsis .... ....	....	Nil	„	.31
Other Causes .... ....	....	4.33	„	1.12
(Deaths of mothers in childbirth per 1,000 live and still births)				

TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1946.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	At all Ages.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED										DEATHS
		At all Ages—Years.										
	Under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	TOTAL CASES REMOVED to HOSPITAL				
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cholera (C) Plague (P)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Erysipelas	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	32	...	4	21	2	3	1	1	2	1	27	...
Typhus Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Relapsing Fever (R) Continued Fever (C)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	22	...	...	6	11	5	...	...	...	...	...	13
Other forms of Tuberculosis	10	...	3	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Measles	7	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Primary Pneumonia	17	3	1	5	1	5	2	...	...	3	14	...
Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	29	3	11	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Polio Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	123	6	23	50	10	21	10	3	31	...	...